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POLITICAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

The banner Democratic county of Georgia has a town of 1,600 inhabitants, in which less than twenty newspapers of any kind are taken. —Blade.

The party that fled on Fort Sumter in 1861 and surrendered in 1865 and died a big debt upon the country and it ought to stop whining about "war taxes." —Det. Tribune.

The Chicago Herald calls it "Tanner's embezzlement." Embezzlement, indeed! Tanner used upward of eight million dollars to make up a deficit left by the original "surplus buster," Gen. Black. —Kalamazoo Telegraph.

The Tribune is informed by several Southern papers that an ugly race war breaks out in the South the Republicans of the North will be responsible for it. This sounds like old times. Our Southern contemporaries won't shed it at all profitable to work that vein. —Det. Tribune.

Candidate Campbell of Ohio is the sixth converted republican, whom the democrats have run for the governorship in succession. The trouble is that the fellows who do the voting change their political faith in the other direction. —N. Y. Press.

Senator Sherman says that the misery he witnessed among the working classes during his recent visit to Europe was a perfect vindication of at the last election in favor of protection to home labor and manufactures. —Bay City Times.

The bourbon will never be satisfied with a pension commissioner who does not seek by every means in his power to have the rulings go against the soldier. But such a pension commissioner will never be appointed by a Republican administration. So, the bourbons will howl anyway, no matter who runs the office. —Det. Tribune.

There appears to be quite a general move through the state to hoist the stars and stripes over the schoolhouses. What is Lansing doing in the matter? Are just schoolhouses an object to her pupils would have neither pride nor gratification in looking at the national colors floating over their heads. —Lansing Republican.

The Chicago Herald pooh-poohs the Southern outrages editorially, and in the same issue publishes a report of the boll-doers mass meeting at Atlanta, Ga., which passed resolutions denouncing Henry W. Grady and the Atlanta Constitution for protesting against their brutal flogging of innocent and peaceable negroes. The Herald of course stands up for the boll-doers. —Detroit Tribune.

But, see here, Mr. TREVELICK. Your free trade organs have been grinding out column after column of stuff trying to make their readers believe that protection is responsible for the strikes in this country, and you know they have. Now let them stand up where they can take a front view of that father of all strikes in free trade England. Excuse us Dick, if we rub it in a little. —Det. Tribune.

The miners' troubles are ended in northern Illinois, except in the mines of that great Democrat leader, W. L. Scott. If the other nine owners have been able to make satisfactory terms with their workmen why can't the great Scott do likewise? Mr. Scott must be trying to have his miners make up to him that \$50,000 "which he blew in" for Grover Cleveland last fall. —Det. Tribune.

It is really not at all necessary for our Democratic friends to worry themselves so nearly to death over the conduct of public affairs by the party in power. The responsibility for the government of the nation does not now rest on Democratic shoulders. Having received the people's mandate to administer the government for the next four years, the Republican party proposes to administer it. —New York Mail and Express.

Seven writers—clergymen, college professors and public men, some of them specialists of acknowledged standing—have associated themselves to discuss special questions of social interest and import, and to prepare papers to be afterwards given to the public from time to time in the pages of *The Century*. The writers include the Rev. Professor Shields of Princeton; Bishop Potter of New York; the Rev. Dr. T. M. Mungar of New Haven; the Hon. Seth Low of Brooklyn; and Professor Ely of the Johns Hopkins University. For each paper the author will be responsible, but he will have had the benefit of the criticism of the other members of the group before giving it final form. The opening paper will be printed in the November, Century.

A Virginia paper compares the good old law tariff days with the present as follows: "In 1861 it took just one bushel of corn to buy a pound of nails, now one bushel of corn will buy 10 pounds of nails. Then it required 64 bushels of corn to buy one yard of broadcloth, now the same amount of broadcloth will pay for 20 yards of broadcloth. It then required the price of one bushel of wheat to pay for one yard of calico, now one bushel of wheat will buy 20 yards of calico."

Let the comrades rest calmly in the assurance that their cause is safe in the hands of the men at the head of the nation and the Interior Department. There will be no going back on the liberal policy the Administration has so far pursued toward the veterans. On the contrary, it will be constantly broadened and made more effective as legislation by Congress will authorize. Whoever is appointed Commissioner of Pensions, he will certainly be a man in whom the comrades have entire confidence, and he will justify that confidence, by his course. —National Tribune

The Michigan weather service's crop bulletin gives the average temperature of the last seven days as 59 degrees, and the average total rainfall at .49 of one inch, or .30 of an inch below the average. The heaviest rainfall was 1.80 inches, at St. Ignace. The weather of the week has been favorable to all crops, and the rainfall very beneficial to new sown wheat. Some farmers are waiting for more rain before they sow. Corn-cutting is progressing steadily, and with another week of favorable weather the crop will be secured beyond reach of frost. Potatoes are ripe and in fair condition, buckwheat is mostly out and pastures have been greatly improved by the local rain.

The case of TANNER is much less deserving of severity than was that of He has simply gone daff on the idea that the surplus belongs to the soldiers and that the person who shall give the gallant fellows what belongs to them will deserve the gratitude of his country. If he has favored particular pension agents he has done so because they have stood high in Grand Army circles and are hard at work for "the boys." TANNER wants to be the idol of the Grand Army. He has none of that mean hankering for money that smirched GARLAND's name and that covered the name of BELKNAP with shame. —Det. Journal.

In forty-nine out of fifty cases the men who were denouncing Commissioner Tanner are the identical fellows who, during the war, were in the appropriations to feed, clothe and pay the soldiers. They were either participants in or indorsers of the action of the convention which declared the war a failure, and which defamed Lincoln, Stanton and Grant. Let them howl. But for the action of those with whom they sympathized during the conflict, the payment of pensions to Union soldiers would not be necessary. —Minneapolis Tribune.

COMRADES should be on their guard against the crocodile tears of their enemies over the resignation of Commissioner Tanner. The President, Secretary of the Interior and Assistant Secretary are all comrades of the G. A. R., and real comrades. The resignation of Comrade Tanner does not make any commotion in the machinery of policy and narrow construction of the pension laws. President Harrison is the soldier's unchanging friend. He stands squarely upon his utterance months ago: "This is no time to use the apothecary's scales to measure the rewards of the men who saved the country." All his acts since his entry into office have been in accord with this utterance. The papers which have slamed over every friend of the soldier with vile abuse may spare their sympathy and advice now. We want none of it. Their sympathy is more disgusting than their calumnies. —National Tribune.

We clip the following extract from a letter in the Toledo Blade, which gives an account of what the republicans had to endure from the democracy during the rebellion, in a state that was largely republican: "It was pretty hard to tell in those days, who were the most numerous in that part of Kansas—the union or anti-union men. Sunday school was held at our schoolhouse, and a rebel, or democrat, who was more loose-tongued than wise, told my father one Sunday at the school, that the rebels had decided to disarm all the union men. On the following Tuesday my uncle and father took time by the forelock and notified every member of their organization, setting a time and place to meet the next day. By 4 o'clock the Monday following, every rebel within fifteen miles had been disarmed. Every rebel was found to be well armed, and all guns and pistols fresh loaded. During the war, when going to school, the children of the democrats used to pour out vials of wrath at the little union flags which the children of republicans carried to school. While all democrats were not rebels, it is a fact that during those days all the democrats I knew then in Kansas upheld the rebels and hated the Union soldier's flag and cause. It impressed a lesson on my mind that will cause me always to be a republican." A. J. WATTS, Nortonville, Kansas.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

[From Our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20, '89. Pension office matters continue to be the principal topic of conversation in political circles here. General William Warner, of Missouri, ex-Representative and ex-commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., having declined the appointment of Commissioner, not feeling able to sacrifice his present legal practice. The President has tendered the appointment to Gen. George S. Merrill, of Massachusetts, and while his acceptance has not been officially promulgated, it is regarded here as a certainty. Gen. Merrill is also an ex-commander-in-chief of the G. A. R. He is also chairman of the pension committee of that organization and is therefore considered to be particularly well equipped to assume the duties of Commissioner of Pensions, and his appointment cannot be otherwise than pleasing to his comrades of the Grand Army. The indications point to a change in the methods of the Pension office but how radical the change is to be it is impossible to say. Deputy Commissioner Smith, who is acting Commissioner has reversed two of Commissioner Tanner's most important rulings, and as he is only temporarily in charge of the office, it is inferred that he would scarcely have done so without orders from his superior officers, thus Secretary Noble is credited with the two reversals. The orders revoked are, the one directing that all pensioners receiving less than \$4 per month can upon application be examined for a re-rating, and the order making the evidence of one private sufficient to establish original disability. Mr. Tanner is still in the city and is likely to be as he has leased a residence here for three years and has his boys entered at Georgetown College. It is generally believed that he will be appointed Recorder of Deeds for this District.

Senator Sawyer arrived here this week. He says he came on early so as to superintend the completion of his residence here. Incidentally his early arrival will probably cause a few nice ripe official plans to fall into the laps of citizens of Wisconsin. The Senator has a taking way of looking out for the interests of his friends. Senator Sherman, who arrived from Europe last week, is busy fixing up his private business here, preparatory to taking the stump in Ohio for Foraker. Ex-Representative Goff, of West Virginia who has been sequestered out of the State, is here, and rumor is connecting his name with a cabinet position. Whether it succeed is not mentioned particularly, though some say that he will be Attorney General and that Mr. Miller will take the vacancy in the Supreme Court Bench, while others think that Secretary Noble will retire and Mr. Goff become Secretary of the Interior. I give you the rumors for what they are worth, and from all that I can learn officially they are not worth much.

Congressmen are beginning to arrive pretty freely. Many of them come to enter their children in our excellent public schools which open Monday, but the majority are probably hunting places for their constituents. Naval officers are jubilant over the cruiser "Baltimore," the fastest war vessel in the world and come to think of it, its something that all of us should be jubilant over.

It begins to look as though the fight before Congress for the location of the mammoth World's Exposition of 1902 would be between Chicago and Washington, New York being apparently already out of the voice. Washington people have no fears, they know it will come here and already preliminary preparations are being made for it. Representative Butterworth, of Ohio, is expected here from Europe next week and the Ohio republicans in Washington are preparing to give him a duplicate of the "bang up" reception tendered Senator Sherman last Friday night. The Buckeyes in Washington never do things by halves. They always "go the whole hog."

Republicans from the silver states are on a hot scent after the present Director of the mint. They don't fancy his policy.

Secretary Blaine will return to this city late next week.

Julge L. A. Groff of Nebraska, has been appointed Commissioner of the General Land Office.

The Newark, New Jersey, Advertiser, in commenting on the nomination of Lew Abbott for governor by the Democrats of that state, characterizes him as a man whose principles, conduct and methods are regarded with genuine abhorrence by every respectable Democrat in the state, who has been the active agent in the defeat of every piece of honest legislative work, and whose following embraces the meanest and basest elements of his party.

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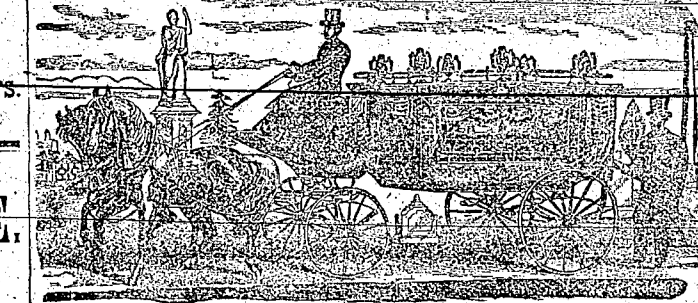
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